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I believe the Microsoft settlement is reasonable and that continued litigation serves no purpose except to increase legal fees and burnish the reputation of political office seekers.

Indeed, although Microsoft may effectively have a monopoly on certain software products, they have gained this by producing quality products at a reasonable price to the great benefit of the general public. I have made it a point to use the software of many competing companies before migrating to Microsoft products, and unfortunately found them to be lacking in effectiveness.

Microsoft has succeeded largely because they built a better mouse. I hate to see competition stifled, but I also hate to see the government stifle innovation.

Where were all the DoJ lawyers when Kenneth Lay and his team were taking the public on a very expensive ride with Enron? Maybe if Bill Gates and company had been as effusive with political donations as they have been with charitable donations, Microsoft might not have had to face this purgatory.

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